



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Stephen L. Willis  
Appl. No. : 09/552,383  
Filed : April 19, 2000  
For : CHEMICAL MECHANICAL  
PLANARIZATION OF  
CONDUCTIVE MATERIAL  
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 21, 2003 (Paper No. 18), please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.